

Professor Edgworth David, in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of January 9, rightly states of him that "the world has lost the man who, in his special branch of science, was the foremost worker in the Southern Hemisphere". The same writer also refers to Etheridge's notorious retiring disposition, ever avoiding social or even scientific functions, but for which "his name would have been a household word throughout Australia—he literally lived in his work, and he died in it, according to his wish".

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NOTE ON *MARGINELLA GUTTULA*, SOWERBY.

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IN his list of the Marine Mollusca of Queensland, Mr. Charles Hedley, F.L.S., includes *Marginella guttula*, Reeve.¹ This is probably a mistake for *Marginella guttula*, Sowerby. As has been shown by Mr. J. R. Le B. Tomlin,² Reeve's name lapses, and his shell is now known as *Marginella pericalles*, Tomlin. It is a native of the West Indies and Mr. Tomlin has received specimens collected in a living state from Bermuda. It is therefore not likely to range from Bermuda to Eastern Queensland.

The following are my reasons for believing the shell of Mr. Hedley's list to be *Marginella guttula*, Sowerby:—

In January, 1911, I received from the late Mr. E. A. Smith, I.S.O., a letter in which he determined a shell collected on Murray Island, Torres Straits, as *Marginella triplicata*, Gaskoin.³ This name was subsequently proved by Mr. E. A. Smith to be a synonym of *Marginella guttula*, Sowerby.⁴ It is a curious little cowrie-shaped shell, and the folds on the columella are very characteristic.

In the paper to the Linnean Society of New South Wales in 1909, Mr. Hedley describes⁵ and illustrates a new shell, *Marginella anxia*. Of the illustrations, fig. 87 has all the characteristics of *Marginella guttula*, Sowerby—the cowrie-like outline squared off at the broad end, and the same peculiar triplicate folds. Comparisons of specimens of *Marginella guttula*, Sowerby, and of *Marginella anxia*, Hedley, will, I think, bear out these statements.

Specimens of *Marginella compressa*, Reeve, also from Murray Island, were named by Mr. E. A. Smith in the same letter.

¹ Proc. Austral. Assoc. Adv. Sci., vol. xii, 1909, p. 363, line 17.

² Proc. Malac. Soc., London, vol. xii, 1916, p. 64.

³ Proc. Zool. Soc., Lond., 1849, p. 19.

⁴ Proc. Malac. Soc. Lond., ix, 1910, p. 21.

⁵ Proc. Linn. Soc. New S. Wales, vol. xxxiv, pt. 3, p. 452, pl. xliii, figs. 86-7.